

## **Discussion Guide for Acute Care Hospital Services Work Group Meeting #3**

### **1. Adverse Impact** (refer to handout#1)

- Given changes in the HSCRC rating setting system and statutory changes, references to charge per case are outdated and the new capital thresholds for hospital projects should be incorporated.
  - a. Should the standard reflect that access and availability may be reduced through adding services, not just eliminating, downsizing, or modifying an existing service?
  - b. Should the population considered only be the population in the primary service area of the applicant hospital?
  - c. How important it is to consider the impact on existing providers?
  - d. Are there suggested changes to this standard?

### **2. Cost-Effectiveness** (refer to handout#2)

- The suggested changes primarily clarify the requirements for applicants
- Staff notes that the final report on the modernization of Certificate of Need (CON) suggested removing requirements for an evaluation of cost-effectiveness.
  - a. How well has the current standard been working?
  - b. Are there suggested changes to this standard?

### **3. Efficiency** (refer to handout#2)

- Staff has no suggested changes to this standard
  - a. How well has the current standard been working?
  - b. Are there suggested changes to this standard?

### **4. Construction Cost of Hospital and Non-Hospital Space** (refer to handout#3)

- a. How well have the current standards been working?
- b. Are there suggested changes to these standards?

**5. Emergency Department Treatment Capacity and Space** (refer to handout#4)

- Staff notes the final report on the modernization of CON suggested removing these standards.
  - a. What is the value of keeping this standard?
  - b. Are there suggested changes to these standards or should the standards be removed?